

# **If I Could Go Back in Time, I Would Tell My Younger Self This Truth About God**

In a video clip from “Charis Talks”—published by Charis Bible College—Emily Jacobs, a Charis graduate, says she would tell her younger self to trust in God. Her words may be relatable and encouraging for many believers.

“I wish I could go back and tell my younger self that it’s going to be OK,” Jacobs says. “God will come through and provide everything for us. ... With God, I believe you can do anything, really. It’s not scary. He loves us so much, and He wants us to succeed. He’s not going to tell us to do something and then watch us fail.”

Watch the full video clip [here](#).

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## **Kim Walker-Smith Debuts New Single ‘Insatiable’**

Kim Walker-Smith debuted her new single “Insatiable” through Jesus Culture on Thursday evening. The song is about pursuing friendship and intimacy with God—and how God will not rest until He has all of us. Listen to the new single [here](#) and let us know in the comments what you think. Will this be the next big worship hit in churches nationwide?

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# **YWAM Celebrates 50 Years of Spirit-Filled Mission Work**

This year, Youth With a Mission (YWAM) celebrates 50 years of training, equipping and sending young people to the missions field. The organization, founded by Loren Cunningham in 1969, released a video on its official YouTube channel this week commemorating how things have changed in the last half-century—and how the organization’s mission has remained the same. In an archive clip, Cunningham shares the prophetic vision that inspired YWAM: “I was out in the middle of the Caribbean, and the Lord gave me a vision: ... It was waves of young people going from everywhere to everywhere by the millions.”

Watch the video [here](#).

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# **Rick Joyner Denies Todd Bentley ‘Cover-Up,’ Urges Independent Investigation**

Rick Joyner broadcasted live on Facebook Wednesday afternoon to address lingering questions surrounding public accusations against evangelist Todd Bentley and Joyner’s own involvement in the ensuing controversy. Joyner denied all allegations that he was part of a Bentley “cover-up,” and encouraged the

creation of a third-party council of Christian arbiters who could determine the truth of the matter.

On August 22, Stephen Powell accused Bentley of “sexual perversion” involving both male and female interns. Powell said Bentley got drunk, looked at pornography, used crude language and offered a male intern money in exchange for sex. Bentley has denied these allegations, calling some of them wild exaggerations and others complete fabrications.

Joyner was part of a “healing team” created for Bentley in 2008, after Bentley stepped down from ministry due to an affair. Powell has accused Joyner of overlooking Bentley’s sins and not disciplining him properly.

In the video, which was hashtagged #RicksRant, Joyner said he has had lunch with Todd and Jessa Bentley, who told him they have been “falsely accused.” He said he has no spiritual authority over Todd but does still consider him a brother in Christ. Joyner also said the Bentleys consider him to be their spiritual father.

“I had lunch with Todd and Jessa yesterday,” Joyner said. “You know, they’re struggling. They really could use your prayers. You could imagine what they would feel like, and even if you think they’re guilty, this is not the way things are supposed to be done. They feel like they’ve been falsely accused of just horrendous things. They’ve been convicted and found guilty. I got together with them to encourage them that there may be a way for them to be exonerated or found guilty. I made it clear. I said, ‘Any of the stuff you’re guilty of, it’s going to be found out.’”

Joyner also flatly denied allegations that he has been protecting Bentley or covering up his misdeeds.

“Personally, I’ve been accused of covering up stuff,” Joyner said. “I’ve never wanted to cover up a single thing for Todd’s sake, for their sake. Anything that isn’t true—for their sake,

it needs to come to the light.”

Joyner did not say whether he believed the allegations against Bentley, instead suggesting that “biblical due process” through some sort of governing judge or judges should be implemented.

On Wednesday, Dr. Michael Brown said he would “assemble a group of trusted and respected men of God who will review the charges against Todd and make a determination, in accordance with 1 Corinthians 6.” Joyner said he and Brown independently arrived at that same conclusion, and urged people to pray for the council of arbiters.

“I feel like it is really the Lord moving [Brown],” Joyner said. “He had some good ideas for people who should sit on [this council]. He didn’t think he should sit on it and be a judge in this situation. I don’t think I should be. I’m too engaged. I know too much. I shouldn’t be. Even in a regular court, I should be recused. I think the process is just beginning. I have great hope for it.”

Joyner said he fears without established arbiters, many more ministries will be attacked and scandalized in the coming years. He expressed once again his distaste for public accusations.

“I think without this [council] happening, we’re going to have increasingly devastating attacks on people,” Joyner said. “Ministries [will be] destroyed, brought down—some of them may deserve it. Some of them may need it. But that’s not the way it should be done. And when it’s done the wrong way, far more people are hurt. We’ve got to learn in my opinion to not be quick to convict and condemn until people have been subjected to biblical due process. ... You may be right in your accusations, but you have opened yourselves wide to the accuser. Look at all the ministries that have been devastated by doing that.”

Joyner said that if this council is successful—and sets a precedent for handling future church scandals—“all the controversy” will be “worth it.” He also said he may not be blameless, though he did not know what he might be guilty of.

“I want to go back and check,” Joyner says. “I’ve been challenged on some things. I may have fouled up or violated some things myself. If so, you would have a rant with me apologizing for those things. But if this process continues, and I believe it has been a valid due process, you probably won’t hear from me any more about this.”

After days of teasing big news on his Twitter account, Lee Strobel announced that he had partnered with Colorado Christian University (CCU) to open the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics. The announcement video, embedded here, features Strobel, CCU president Dr. Don Sweeting, and Lee Strobel Center executive director Mark Mittelberg discussing the vision for this new center.

“We are so thrilled about what we believe God is going to do to use this center to spread his message of hope and grace and love and redemption and eternal life all over our country and beyond,” Strobel says. “We’re not talking about creating ivory tower scholars. We’re talking about creating people who are winsome in sharing their faith, but who are equipped to be able to defend it in an increasingly skeptical world. We want to work with and through local churches and really bring local churches alive in evangelism in a new way. That’s what this center is about. We really believe God is going to use it to make a huge difference, and who knows, this may be the epicenter of revival in America. That’s our prayer, and that’s our hope.”

Mittelberg adds that time is running out to evangelize unsaved people with the gospel.

“There’s one thing we can do here that we will not ever get to

do in heaven, and that's take risks and stretch and prepare and then reach out and reach people who are far from Christ who are dying to know the good news of the gospel," Mittelberg says.

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## **Bruxy Cavey: Why It's Foolish to Try to Predict the Rapture**

Pastor Bruxy Cavey—teaching pastor of The Meeting House in Oakville, Ontario—explains in this classic video why it's ultimately foolish to try and predict exact dates for the rapture. Using the example of Edgar C. Whisenant's *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988*, Cavey demonstrates that no human guess can be accurate because of Jesus' claim in Matthew 24:36 that no one—not even Jesus Himself—knows the day of His return.

"When it comes to these predictions, do you know what the success rate is?" Cavey says. "Zero."

Cavey believes that Scripture intentionally leaves the end times and the future somewhat vague in order to keep our focus on what is most important: Jesus Christ.

"The Bible gives us enough information—not that it says nothing about it—it gives us enough information about the future to encourage us and keep us Christ-centered," Cavey says. "When we move past that, we begin to abuse, I think, the revelation of Scripture and use it for sensationalism in ways it wasn't intended."

What do you think? Watch the embedded video and let us know in

the comments.